

ABSTRACT

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Disclosed is a system, method, and apparatus for
calculating metrics by using hierarchical level metadata to
5 describe the various structures within the database. The
hierarchical level metadata permit calculation of complex
metrics by an analytical server which would otherwise be
difficult or impossible. As a result of the way that the
analytical server calculates the metrics, slicing and
10 drilling are supported. Additionally, dimension and fact
level security are also supported.